

I am an XM subscriber and urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160. Not only is it protectionism at its basest level, but it is simply not in the interests of consumers. The only possible, though not defensible, argument is that XM traffic and weather would threaten the flow of local information. But the NAB rejects that argument in their own statement, "...there is no doubt the 175 million daily listeners of local radio stations know that the best and most reliable source for news, school closings, and weather and traffic alerts continues to be their local broadcasters." Please put the interests of the public above the profit motives of an industry that no longer needs or deserves artificial protections in order to maintain its existence. Thank you.